Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of Civil Citation No. 60144

Gerry Hunt 2037 Inverton Road

Respondent

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Department of Permits and Development Management on June 2, 2009, for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-4-201 (b)(d) failure to store garbage in containers with tight fitting lids on residential property known as 2037 Inverton Road, 21222

On April 30, 2009, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Buc Thompson issued a Code Enforcement citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars).

The Respondent failed to request a Code Enforcement Hearing and/or failed to appear after requesting a Hearing. Baltimore County Code, § 3-6-205(d) provides that in case of failure to request a Code Enforcement Hearing or if the violator (Respondent) fails to appear after requesting a Hearing then the citation and the civil penalty, shall be the Final Order of the Code Official not subject to appeal.

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After proper consideration of all the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer finds:

A. Photograph in the file shows bagged garbage not properly stored in cans with tight-fitting

lids. This violates County Code provisions prohibiting conditions that are conducive to rat harborage

and rodent infestation. The file shows that a \$500.00 civil penalty was imposed on Respondent in 2008

for failure to remove junk and debris from the property.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the

amount of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the

violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of June 2009.

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED Margaret Z. Ferguson

**Baltimore County Hearing Officer** 

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